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In re the application of

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USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID

**ARTHRITIS** 

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 26, 2001

Sir:

Applicant petition for an extension of time for three months for the filing of an Appeal Brief after Filing a Notice of Appeal dated September 26, 2000 from November 26, 2000 to February 26, 2001. Attached is our check in the amount of \$890.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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